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Mr. Rick Albright
Director, Office of Environmental Cleanup
U.S. EPA, Region 10
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Dear Mr. Albright:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is writing to inform you of a reasonably anticipated future use of the Willamette River in the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. OSWER Directive No. 9355.7-04, www.epa.gov/superfund/community/relocation/landuse.pdf (May 25, 1995). Upon passage of a FY 14 budget, it is anticipated that the Corps will receive initial funding to start the Limited Reevaluation Report (LRR) for the deepening of the Willamette River navigation channel from River Mile (RM) 0 to RM 11.6 to the authorized depth of -43 feet. This project was originally authorized as part of the Columbia River Channel Improvement Project. The anticipated timeline is to begin work on the LRR in 2014 and to construct the project in 2019. This timeline is dependent on future funding priorities. The Corps would like to ensure that this potential channel deepening is considered as the EPA develops the assumptions regarding future river use in the Portland Harbor Superfund Site.

The Corps also expects that the requirements under our authorities in Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (33 U.S.C. § 403), Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1344), and/or 33 U.S.C. § 408, as applicable, will be met as the remedy selection proceeds.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mark Dasso, Project Manager, at (503) 808-4728 or joseph.m.dasso@usace.army.mil for any additional information you may need on the potential Willamette River navigation channel deepening project.

Sincerely,

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cc:
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